

Owner's Operating Service Instruction Manual

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Model Nos.
2450-2-6
2460-2-6

20" Rotary Mowers

YARD-MAN

IMPORTANT

It is suggested that this manual be read in its entirety before attempting to assemble or operate. Keep this manual in a safe place for future reference and for ordering replacement parts.

This unit is shipped WITHOUT GASOLINE or OIL. After assembly, see operating section of this manual for proper fuel and amount.

SAFE OPERATION PRACTICES FOR WALK-BEHIND MOWERS

TRAINING

1. Read the Operating and Service Instruction Manual carefully. Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and the proper use of the equipment.
2. Never allow children to operate a power mower.
3. Keep the area of operation clear of all persons, particularly small children and pets.

PREPARATION

1. Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all stones, sticks, wire, bones and other foreign objects.
2. Do not operate equipment when barefoot or wearing open sandals. Always wear substantial footwear.
3. Check the fuel before starting the engine. Do not fill the gasoline tank indoors, when the engine is running, or while the engine is still hot. Wipe off any spilled gasoline before starting the engine.
4. Disengage the self-propelled mechanism or drive clutch on units so equipped before starting the engine.
5. Never attempt to make a wheel adjustment while the engine is running.
6. Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.
7. Never operate the equipment in wet grass. Always be sure of your footing; keep a firm hold on the handle and walk, never run.

OPERATION

1. Do not change the engine governor settings or overspeed the engine.
2. Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts. Keep clear of the discharge opening at all times.
3. Stop the blade(s) when crossing gravel drive, walks or roads.
4. After striking a foreign object, stop the engine, remove the wire from the spark plug, thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage, and repair the damage before restarting and operating the mower.

5. If the equipment should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine and check immediately for the cause. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.
6. Stop the engine whenever you leave the equipment, before cleaning the mower housing, and when making any repairs or inspections.
7. When cleaning, repairing or inspecting, make certain the blade and all moving parts have stopped. Disconnect the spark plug wire, and keep the wire away from the plug to prevent accidental starting.
8. Do not run the engine indoors.
9. Shut the engine off and wait until the blade comes to a complete stop before removing the grass catcher or unclogging chute.
10. Mow across the face of slopes, never up-and-down. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes. Do not mow excessively steep slopes.
11. Always disconnect electric mowers (line operated) before cleaning, repairing or adjusting.
12. Never operate mower without proper guards, plates or other safety protective devices in place.
13. Keep washout ports and other mower-housing service openings closed when mowing.

MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

1. Check the blade and engine mounting bolts at frequent intervals for proper tightness.
2. Keep all nuts, bolts, and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
3. Never store the equipment with gasoline in the tank inside of a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
4. To reduce fire hazard, keep the engine free of grass, leaves, or excessive grease.
5. Check the grass catcher bag frequently for wear or deterioration. Replace with new bag for safety protection.

ASSEMBLY

This mower is shipped in one carton completely assembled with the handle assembly and missile deflector in storage position. To remove the mower, slit the end of the carton and roll the mower out. Do not lift the mower by the shroud. The,

1. Move the missile deflector down into operating position.
2. To place the handle in operating position: Be sure the handle knobs are loose enough to allow the upper section to pivot freely around the mounting bolts. Lift the handle assembly until the lower section snaps into the operating position, as shown. The upper section can now be moved into position. Tighten the handle mounting bolts.



BEFORE STARTING ENGINE

Remove the oil dip stick (models 2460 and 2450) or oil fill plug and fill the engine crankcase with 1 1/4 pints of SAE 30 oil.



CAUTION

Do not overfill.

Fill the gasoline tank with clean, fresh, regular grade gasoline. **DO NOT MIX WITH OIL.** Read the engine manual.

TO START ENGINE

1. Place the throttle control in "START" position.
2. While standing on the left side of the mower (opposite the discharge chute) place your left foot on the housing to stabilize the mower, and pull the starter cord with a quick stroke.
3. When the engine starts, move the throttle control to SLOW speed until the engine warms up.

If the engine floods, place the throttle control in STOP position. Pull the starter cord at least 4 times. Then reposition the throttle control to START and repeat the starting procedure. Engine flooding is usually caused by a dirty air filter. If the engine continues to flood even with a clean filter, lean the mixture.



TO ADJUST CUTTING HEIGHT

BE SURE ENGINE IS STOPPED.

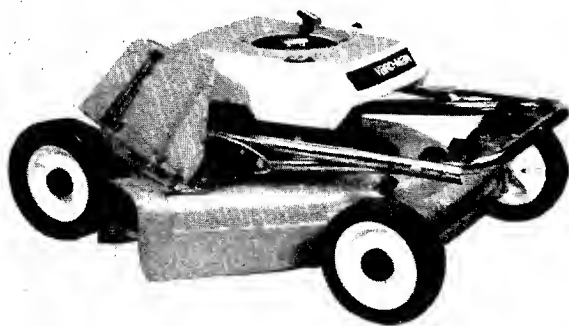
The cutting height can be adjusted easily through heights from 3/4" to 2 3/4". Place your hand on the outside of the wheel, pull the adjusting lever away from the securing slots in the housing. Move the adjusting lever to the height desired and release the lever back into the securing slots.

Make the same adjustment on all four wheels.



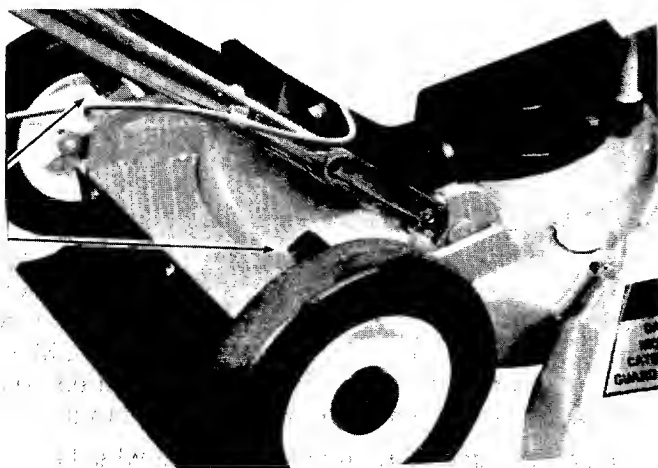
FOLDING HANDLE

Yard-Man's adjustable handle makes storage and transportation of the mower much simpler. You merely loosen the holding screws and fold the handle down, over the mower...reducing the mower to a compact, easily-handled size.



ADJUSTABLE CUTTING HEIGHTS

Each wheel of this mower is equipped with an easy-to-move hand-set adjustment lever to change the cutting height of the blade. By simply pulling the adjustment lever out of its retaining slot, you can raise or lower the wheel (which raises or lowers the blade) to obtain a cutting height from $\frac{3}{4}$ " to $2\frac{3}{4}$ ".



SNAP-ON-OFF ENGINE SHROUD

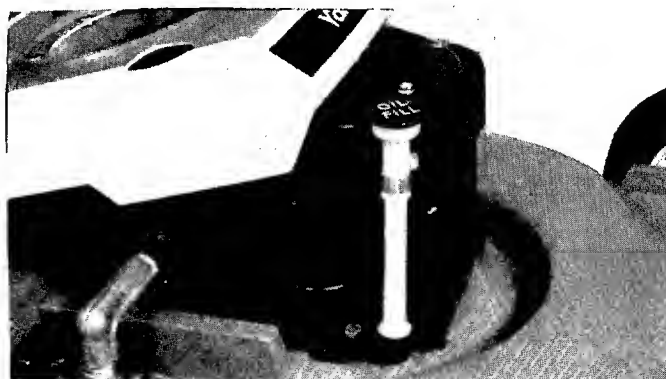
The engine shroud can be "snapped" on and off for each access to the air filter and carburetor. You merely move the throttle to Stop position, disconnect the spark plug wire (securing it at least 1" away from the spark plug) and then just pull up on the shroud, freeing it from the four heavy duty, chrome snaps.



OIL DIP STICK

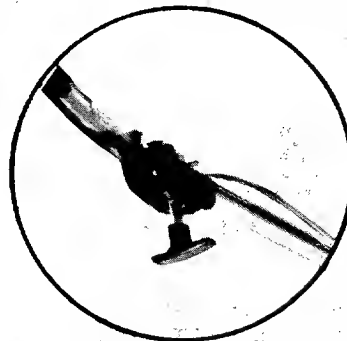
Good maintenance practice is to check the oil level in the engine crankcase before every mowing. Use care not to overfill.

(Shown with shroud "snapped" off.)



HANDLE MOUNTED THROTTLE

This convenient handle-mounted throttle control gives you finger tip control at all times...for Start, Stop and engine speeds.



MAINTENANCE

Your Yard-Man mower will give excellent service for many years with the reasonable care and maintenance outlined below:

1. Keep the mower clean, especially the engine and underside of the mower housing. The top of the mower should be brushed or wiped. The underside can be cleaned with a hose through the Wash-Out Port.
2. Each time you mow, inspect the condition of bolts, nuts, cotter pins, etc., to be sure all are tight.
3. Check the oil level frequently. Oil should be changed every 25 hours of operation. For new mowers, oil should be changed after the first 5 hours of operation and after every 25 hours afterwards.
4. Keep the cutting blade sharp. A dull blade not only does a poor mowing job but also puts additional strains on the engine...and causes additional vibration.
5. The air filter should be re-conditioned frequently...after every 25 hours of operation (refer to page 10 for proper procedure).
6. It is advisable to remove the wheels and apply a small amount of light oil to each axle at least once a season...more often under heavy usage.
7. Should excessive vibration develop, check the blade and blade shaft for damage. Have the damage repaired before you operate the mower again.
8. Periodically remove the spark plug and check its condition. However, don't clean badly fouled spark plugs. Better starting and operation is achieved by replacing with a new plug.
9. Operate the mower within its limits. Remember excess strains only wear parts out faster.

END-OF-SEASON STORAGE

At the end of the cutting season, the mower should be prepared for winter storage as follows:

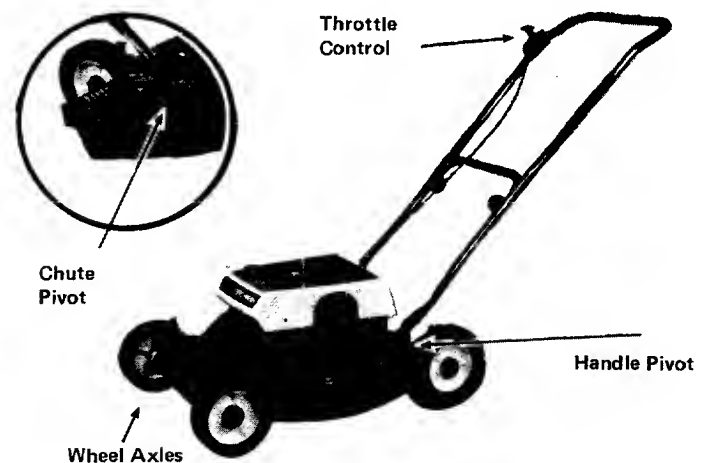
1. Drain the gasoline tank completely. Then start the engine and run it out of gas. Gasoline which remains in the fuel system for long periods develops a varnish residue which can foul the carburetor and hinder the engine's operation.

2. As an alternative to the above, add a few drops of stabilizer to the gasoline. This will prevent formation of gum and varnish. Your service center can give you the facts on this.
3. Remove the spark plug and inject an ounce of SAE 10 oil into the cylinder through the spark plug hole. Crank the engine several times to spread the oil over the cylinder wall. Replace the spark plug but leave the ignition wire unattached.
4. Lubricate all points outlined in the lubrication guide.
5. Place a protective cover over the mower to keep dust and dirt off.

LUBRICATION

While your Yard-Man mower requires little lubrication, it is important that the points shown here be oiled periodically.

The wheel axles should be oiled once each season with light oil...more often under heavy usage. The handle and deflector chute pivot points and the throttle control cable need light oil occasionally.



TUNE-UP ADJUSTMENTS

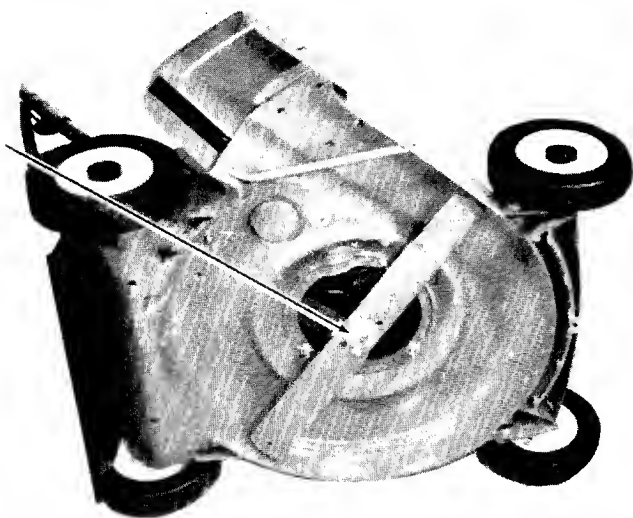
CUTTING BLADE

The blade may easily be removed for grinding or replacement as follows:

1. Remove bolt and lockwasher holding the blade adapter to engine crankshaft.
2. Remove blade and blade adapter from engine crankshaft.

3. Remove two bolts, lockwashers and nuts holding blade to blade adapter (if necessary).

When sharpening blade, follow the original angle of grind as a guide. It is extremely important that each cutting edge receives an equal amount of grinding to prevent an unbalanced blade. An unbalanced blade will cause excessive vibration when rotating at high speeds and may cause personal injury or damage to the mower. Upon reassembly, make certain all parts are assembled properly and tightened securely.



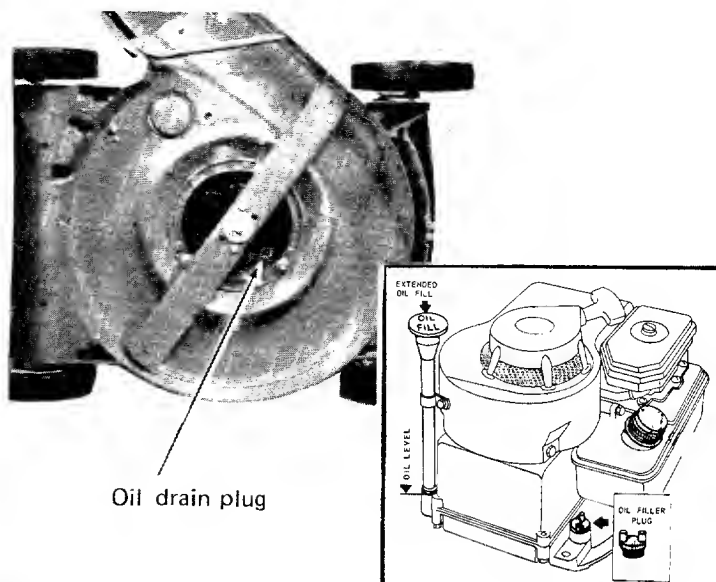
CHANGE OIL

Engine oil should be changed after the first 5 hours of operation and every 25 hours thereafter.

Oil should be drained only when the engine is warm to get a complete drain. Mower should be on a level surface.

Disconnect the spark plug wire and secure it at least 1" away from the plug. Set a shallow one quart container under the oil drain. Remove the oil drain plug and allow the oil to drain completely.

Replace the oil plug and refill with SAE 30 detergent oil (1 1/4 pints approx.).

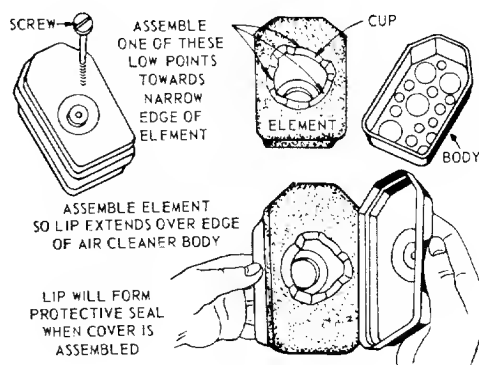


RECONDITION AIR FILTER

A dirty air filter can cause poor engine performance. The filter should be reconditioned every 25 hours of service.

1. Remove the engine shroud to expose the air filter. Remove the filter cap screw and carefully remove the inner filter element. Be careful to prevent any dirt from falling into the carburetor.
2. Recondition the filter as recommended in the engine manual.

Under unusually dusty conditions, the filter should be reconditioned or replaced more often.

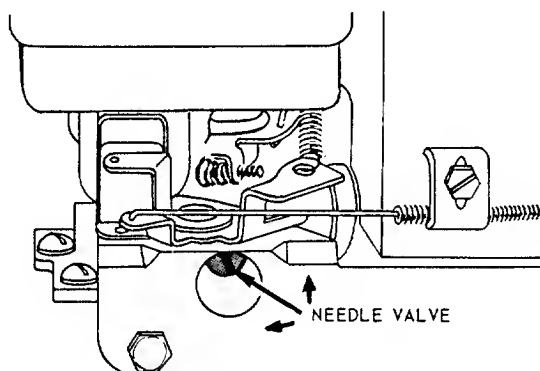


ADJUST CARBURETOR

Minor carburetor adjustments may be required to compensate for differences in fuel, temperature, altitude and load.

- a. The gasoline content of the fuel mixture is adjusted by turning the needle valve. Clockwise to close. . . counterclockwise to open.
- b. To adjust the fuel mixture, throttle the engine to middle operating speed. Slowly turn the needle valve clockwise until the engine begins to lose speed (too-lean mixture). Then slowly turn the valve counterclockwise PAST the point of smoothest engine performance, until the engine begins to run unevenly (too-rich mixture). Then turn the needle valve back slightly until the engine is smooth.
- c. If the engine runs uneven under heavy load, make the fuel mixture a little richer by turning the needle valve slightly counterclockwise.

For greater detail on carburetor adjustments, see the engine manual.



CHANGE SPARK PLUG

The spark plug is the heart of the engine and its condition directly effects how the engine performs.



The spark plug should be checked frequently and cleaned if fouled. However, if the plug is badly fouled, it is better to replace with a new plug. A new spark plug will give better starting and general all around performance.

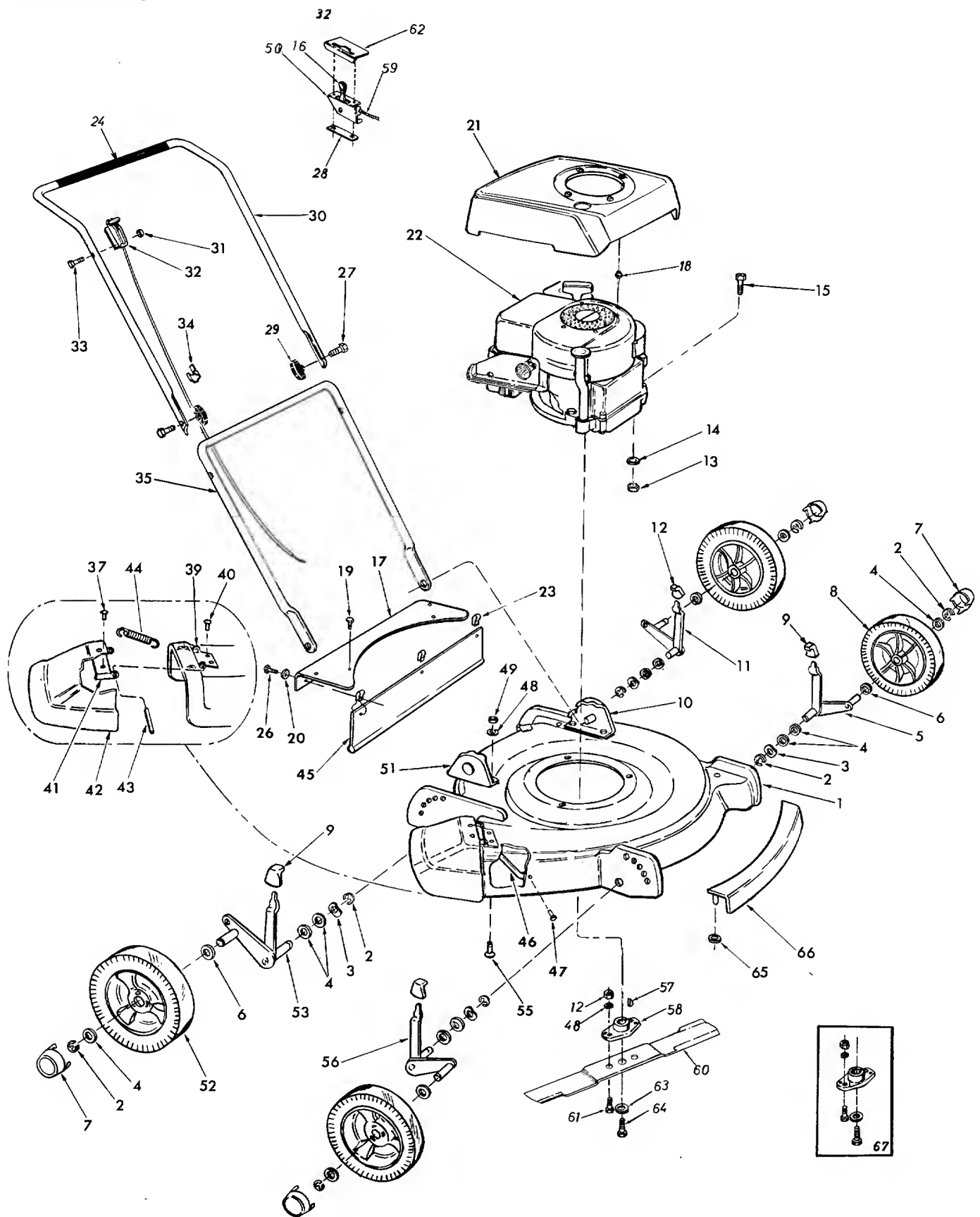
Care should be taken not to damage the spark plug in removing it from the engine. Use the proper plug wrench for the job.

ENGINE OPERATING TIPS

1. If the engine won't start, check the gas tank. Be sure the shut off valve is open.
2. Be sure the holes in the gas cap are open and will allow air to enter the gas tank.
3. Be sure the air filter is kept in good, operating condition. Cutting grass can be a dusty affair and any dust which gets past the filter can damage the engine. Also a dirty air filter will reduce the engine's operating efficiency.
4. When you finish cutting grass, don't just shut the engine off and store the mower. Rather, close the fuel shut-off valve and let the engine run out of gas. This empties the carburetor and helps to prevent build-up of gum and varnish.
5. Never use old gas in the engine. In addition to bringing on problems with gum and varnish, old gas makes for hard starting.
6. If the engine misses, check the spark plug and plug wire. In particular clean the plug inside and out and check for cracks in the porcelain. Regap the plug according to the engine manual. If the engine continues to misfire, replace the plug. Excessively dirty plugs should not be cleaned. They should be replaced.

If the engine continues to misfire with a new plug, the problem can be loose engine bolts, a leaky head gasket, a kinked fuel line, sticky valves, etc. For these conditions it is suggested a certified service center be contacted for advice.
7. If the engine overheats, the air cooling fins may be clogged. Also, a too-lean fuel mixture can cause overheating.
8. Don't put the engine under full power as soon as it starts. The piston in a cold engine is not a tight fit and fast RPM before the engine warms up can cause excessive piston wear.
9. Do not idle the engine at too slow a speed for extended periods of time. Oil will not circulate properly and excessive wear can result. . . also the engine can overheat.

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PARTS LIST FOR MODELS 2450-2-6 AND 2460-2-6

REF. NO.	PART NO.	COLOR CODE	DESCRIPTION	NEW PART	REF. NO.	PART NO.	COLOR CODE	DESCRIPTION	NEW PART
1	1102-247	—497	20" Deck Ass'y.		33	710-0606		Hex Scr. 1/4-20 x 1.50" Lg. *	
2	716-0104		"E"-Ring for .50" Dia. Shaft		34	746-0128		Cable Clip	
3	1552-2		Wave Wash. for .50" Scr.		35	749-0233		Lower Handle	N
4	1540-90		FI-Wash. .51" I.D. x 1.00"		37	728-0554		Rivet .188" Dia. x .25" Lg.	
			O.D. x .030		39	2708-11		Deflector Hinge	
5	2123-31		Front Axle Ass'y.—L.H.		40	728-0120		Pop Rivet .250" Dia. x .447"	
6	1540-86		FI-Wash. .51" I.D. x 1.00"					Lg.	
			O.D. x .125		41	1708-12		Deflector Hinge	
7	731-0183		Hub Cap		42	2189-13	—497	Chute Deflector	
8	2108-230		Front Wheel Ass'y. Comp.—		43	1548-31		Roll Pin .188" Dia. x 4.25"	
			7 x 1.75					Lg.	
9	2643-43		Height Adjustment Knob		44	1642-143		Deflector Spring	
10	2132-168		Handle Mount Brkt. Ass'y.—		45	3556-41		Rear Protective Flap	
			L.H.		46	2639-68		Toe Guard	
11	2123-33		Rear Axle Ass'y.—L.H.		47	1533-18		Pop Rivet .188" Dia. x .652"	
12	2643-43		Height Adjustment Knob					Lg.	
13	712-0267		Hex Nut 5/16-18 Thd. *		48	736-0329		L-Wash. 1/4" Scr. *	
14	736-0119		L-Wash. 5/16" Scr. *		49	712-0107		Hex Cent. L-Nut 1/4-20 Thd.	
15	710-0442		Hex Scr. 5/16-18 x 1.50" Lg. *		50	746-0179		Throttle Control Ass'y.	
16	731-0189		Throttle Control Knob		51	2132-166		Handle Mount Brkt.	
17	3622-175	—497	Deck Cover—Rear					Ass'y.—R.H.	
18	1549-29		Shroud Retaining Stud #8 x		52	2108-226		Rear Wheel Ass'y. Comp.	
			.38" Lg.					8 x 1.75	
19	1511-31		Hex Sems Scr. #10-24 x .44"		53	2123-32		Rear Axle Ass'y.—R.H.	
			Lg.		55	710-0134		Carriage Bolt 1/4-20 x .62"	
20	1540-55		FI-Wash. .22" I.D. x .62"					Lg. *	
			O.D. x .060		56	2123-30		Front Axle Ass'y.—R.H.	
21	3153-54		Shroud Ass'y.		57	714-0138		#6 Woodruff Key 5/32" x	
22	—		Engine					5/8" Dia.	
23	726-0130		Speed Nut #10Z		58	748-0251		Blade Adapter	N
24	1710-51		Grip		59	746-0229		Conduit and Wire	
26	710-0589		Hex AB Tap Scr. #10 x .75"		60	742-0176		20" Blade	N
			Lg. *		61	710-0117		Hex Scr. 5/16-24 x 1.00" Lg.	
27	710-0405		Curved Carriage Bolt 5/16-18		62	731-0344		Plastic Label—Throttle	N
			x 1.75" Lg.		63	736-0217		L-Wash. 3/8" Scr. H.D.	
28	726-0134		Speed Nut #8-32 Twin Type		64	710-0191		Hex Scr. 3/8-24 x 1.25" Lg.	
29	09966		Hand Knob		65	1539-20		Special Nut	
30	749-0225		Upper Handle	N	66	3699-105	—497	Front Deck Cover	
31	712-0107		Hex Cent. L-Nut 1/4-20 Thd.		67	753-0135		Blade Adapter Kit	N
32	746-0202		Throttle Control Ass'y.—						
			Comp.						

*For faster service obtain standard nuts, bolts and washers locally. If these items cannot be obtained locally, order by part number and size as shown on parts list.

(497—Yard-Man Red) When ordering parts if color or finish is important, use color code shown at left. (e.g. Yard-Man Red Finish 1102-247 (497).)

The engine is not under warranty by the mower manufacturer. If repairs or service is needed on the engine, please contact your nearest authorized engine service outlet. Check the "Yellow Pages" of your telephone book under "Engines — Gasoline."



SERVICE RECORD

DATE _____

DESCRIPTION

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PARTS INFORMATION

POWER EQUIPMENT PARTS AND SERVICE

Parts and service for all YARD-MAN manufactured power equipment are available through the authorized service firms listed below. All orders should specify the model number of your unit, parts numbers, description of parts and the quantity of each part required.

ARKANSAS	LITTLE ROCK	
	Industrial Equip Service...	2816 W. 12th St. 72204
	PINE BLUFF	
	Northern Saw Co.	W. 4th & Hwy. 65 Box 7412.... 71601
CALIFORNIA	CHICO	
	Midway Equip. Co., Inc.	2863 Midway 95926
	SAN BERNARDINO	
	Lawnmower Supply Co.	25608 E. Baseline 95926
	SANTA FE SPRINGS	
	Midway Equip. Co., Inc.	13517 Alondra Blvd. 90670
DELAWARE	ELSMERE, WILMINGTON	
	Jay C. Pownall, Inc.	2 N. Colonial Ave. 19805
FLORIDA	CORAL GABLES, MIAMI	
	Moz-All of Florida, Inc.	365 Greco 33146
	OCALA	
	Lovell Bros., Inc.	320 N.W. 10th St. 32670
	TAMPA	
	Spicola Hardware Co.	Box 5087-605 19th St. 33605
	JACKSONVILLE	
	Radco Dist., Inc.	2403 Market St. 32206
GEORGIA	ATLANTA	
	Beck & Gregg Industries... Outdoor Power Products Div.	Box 984-217 Luckie St., N.W. 30301
ILLINOIS	SALEM	
	The C.J. Heck Co.	Rt. #37 North-Box 689..... 62881
INDIANA	EVANSVILLE	
	Midwest Equip. & Supply... 901 Keck 47711
	FORT WAYNE	
	Lynn Koehlinger Co.	3675 North Wells-Box 96..... 46801
KENTUCKY	HEBRON	
	J.A. Stevens Mower Co.	P.O. Box 38 41048
	HOPKINSVILLE	
	Cayce Mill Supply Co.	505 East First St. 42240
LOUISIANA	BATON ROUGE	
	S&S Distributing Co.	1307 Main St.-Box 2321..... 70821
MAINE	BANGOR	
	M.L. Coffin Co.	725 Broadway 04401
MASSACHUSETTS	SOUTHBORO	
	Crandall-Hicks Co.	Rt. # 9 01772
MICHIGAN	FERNDALE	
	Ideal Mower Sales, Inc.	811 Woodward Heights..... 48220
	GRAND RAPIDS	
	Jac Van Dist., Inc.	4477 E. Paris, S.E. 49508
	JACKSON	
	Factory Branch	440 East Prospect 49202
MISSOURI	ROLLA	
	Ozark Equip. Co., Inc.	Hwy. 63 & Black St.-Box 784.. 65401
MONTANA	BILLINGS	
	Parker Montana Co.	511 North 21st. St. 59101
NEBRASKA	OMAHA	
	K.K. Co., Inc.	711 S. 15th St. 68100
NEW JERSEY	PARSIPPANY	
	Elmco Dist., Inc.	2 Eastmans Rd. 07054

BRIGGS & STRATTON, TECUMSEH AND PEERLESS PARTS AND SERVICE

Briggs & Stratton, Tecumseh and Peerless parts and service should be handled by your nearest authorized engine service firm. Check the yellow pages of your telephone directory under the listing *Engines* — *Gasoline*, Briggs & Stratton or Tecumseh Lauson —

NEW YORK	BINGHAMTON	
	Kingsley Co., Inc.	Box 726 13902
NORTH CAROLINA	WINSTON-SALEM	
	Carswell Dist., Co.	3750 N. Liberty St.-Box 4193 North Station..... 27105
NORTH DAKOTA	FARGO	
	Rott-Keller Supply Co.	1620 First Ave., North..... 58102
OHIO	CLEVELAND	
	Tecca Dist., Co.	4747 Manufacturing Ave. 44135
OKLAHOMA	MUSKOGEE	
	C.J. Heck Co. of Oklahoma ..	Box 1572-Hwy. 69 South... 74401
	ADA	
	ADA Auto Supply	Box 338-301 E. 12th St. 74820
PENNSYLVANIA	ALLISON PARK	
	Northern Seed & Tractor, Inc.	4630 Rt. #8 15101
RHODE ISLAND	JOHNSTON	
	Barker-Chadsey Co.	27 Mill St. 02919
TENNESSEE	BRISTOL	
	Mitchell-Powers Hardware Co.	5th St. Extension..... 37623
	NASHVILLE	
	Garrett-Moore, Inc.	1310 Davidson St. 37206
	KNOXVILLE	
	Master Repair Service.....	2423 Broadway, N.E..... 37917
	UNION CITY	
	Graves Dist. Co., Inc.	1318 Stad Ave. 38261
TEXAS	FORT WORTH	
	Woodson Sales Corp.	1702 N. Sylvania 76111
	HOUSTON	
	Outdoor Equip., Inc.	8000 Harwin St.-Box 42146.. 77
UTAH	SALT LAKE CITY	
	Porter Walton Co.	Box 1619-470 W. 6th S. St. 84110
VIRGINIA	LYNCHBURG	
	Bailey-Spencer Hardware Co.	1016-26 Commerce St. ... 24505
	RICHMOND	
	Universal Tractor Equip. Corp.	Box 5489
		928 N. Meadow St. 23220
	ROANOKE	
	Graves-Humphreys, Inc.	1948 Franklin Rd- S.W. 24014
WEST VIRGINIA	BLUEFIELD	
	Bluefield Supply Co.	Box 269-Mercer St. 24701
WISCONSIN	CHILTON	
	Horst Dist. Co., Inc.	444 N. Madison St. 53014
	OAK CREEK	
	Four Season's Equip. Co.	7373 South Sixth St. 53145
CANADA	NORTH BURNABY, B.C.	
	Challenger Equip., LTD. ..	Box 2010-6939 Hastings St. .
	POINTE CLAIRE, QUEBEC	
	Terry Industries	180 Labrosse Ave.
	EDMONTON, ALBERTA	
	Ralph H. Wilson & Co., LTD.	9653-105A Ave.

WARRANTY PARTS AND SERVICE POLICY

The purpose of warranty is to protect the customer from defects in workmanship and materials, defects which are NOT detected at the time of manufacture. It does not provide for the unlimited and unrestricted replacement of parts. Use and maintenance are the responsibility of the customer. The manufacturer cannot assume responsibility for conditions over which it has no control. Simply put, if it's the manufacturer's fault, it's the manufacturer's responsibility; if it's the customer's fault, it's the customer's responsibility.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY INCLUDES

1. Replacement of Missing Parts on new equipment.
2. Replacement of Defective Parts within the warranty period.
3. Repair of Defects within the warranty period.

All claims MUST be substantiated with the following information:

1. Model Number of unit involved.
2. Date unit was purchased or first put into service.
3. Date of failure.
4. Nature of failure.